higher educational institutions and industries. All these are strong pointers towards improvement in indigenous capabilities for technology development.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Bill regarding Right to Education

†*293. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalized the draft of the Bill related to 'Right to Education';

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether any decision has been taken regarding the implementation of this Bill in the country after passing it in the Parliament; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) A draft Model Bill on Right to Education, to be adopted by the States, containing provisions relating to the Child's right to free and compulsory education of equitable quality, responsibility of the State and appropriate governments etc., has been circulated recently to the Central Ministries/Departments concerned and the State Governments for their comments.

Vocational Training Centres in Madhya Pradesh

†*294. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA:: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that at present 10 vocational training centres are being operated in co-operation with Central Government in Madhya Pradesh;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Whether it is also a fact that Government have not sanctioned any grant for this State for operating these centres for the last five years, whereas 100 percent fund is due to be given by Government;

(c) Whether a proposal of the State Government for Rs. 141.36 lakhs is pending with Government for approval and if so, by when the said amount would be sanctioned; and

(d) Whether Government would sanction the amount of Rs. 276.36 lakh as desired by the State Government by including that for this financial year also?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 57 lakhs in the year 2005-06 towards the expenditure incurred on the 10 Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) to the State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.

(c) The State Govt. has now claimed an amount of Rs. 141.36 lakhs as the expenditure incurred on the 10 VTCs upto the year 2004-05. Against the claim of the State Govt. an amount of Rs. 57 lakhs has been released in 2005-06, and another Rs. 57 lakhs in 2006-07.

(d) All proposals for grants-in-aid for Vocational Training Centres are considered on the basis of availability of funds, verification of Utilization Certificates (UCs) and other procedures.

NCAER Study on economic backwardness of Muslims

*295. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the study of the National Council for Applied Economic Research has revealed that Muslims leg behind when compared to the other minority groups in terms of household and per capita income;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/achievements made by Government to remove disparity in the socio-economic status of Muslims compared to the other minority groups?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) As per the study of National Council for Applied Economic